

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Amend paragraph 0002 as follows:

Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication No. S63-3074 and ~~FIG. 6~~FIG. 7 herein disclose a rubber plug used in a watertight connector. With reference to ~~FIG. 6~~FIG. 7, the rubber plug 1 closely holds an insulated wire 2 inserted therethrough. The watertight connector includes a housing 3 with a rear surface and a cavity 4 that extends into the rear surface. The plug 1 is insertable into the cavity 4. The plug 1 is formed with a plurality of outer ribs 5 that can be brought into close contact with the inner wall of the cavity 4. The rubber plug 1 is fixed to a terminal fitting 6 by crimping a barrel 7 of the terminal fitting 6 to the front end of the rubber plug 1. The terminal fitting 6 is inserted into the cavity 4 and held in position by a resiliently deformable lock 8 formed in the cavity 4. As a result, the rubber plug 1 engages the inside of the cavity in a watertight manner.

Amend paragraphs 0017 and 0018 to read as follows:

FIG. 5 is a section enlargedly showing a particular portion of a rubber plug according to a third preferred embodiment, and FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view similar to FIG. 1 but showing a fourth embodiment.

~~FIG. 6~~7 is a side view of a prior art rubber plug.

Amend paragraph 0027 to read as follows:

FIG. 5 shows a third embodiment where the outer lips 12 that contact the inner wall of the cavity 24 are elongated in the longitudinal direction LD to increase the contact area. However, the inner lips 13 that contact the insulated wire 40 are shortened in the longitudinal direction LD to reduce the contact area. Thus, the frictional resistance between the inner lips 13 and the insulated wire 40 is reduced while the frictional

resistance between the outer lips 12 and the inner wall of the cavity 24 is increased. FIG. 6 shows an embodiment where a rubber plug 10a has more outer lips 12a than inner lips 13a. Thus, the frictional resistance between the inner lips 13a and the insulated wire 40 is lower than the frictional resistance between the outer lips 12a and the inner wall of the cavity.